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HAVING obſerved that ſome Perſons ignorant of the inſtitution, and unacquainted with the cuſtoms of our Society, have been offended with an Epigram printed in our 51ſt Journal; I think it incumbent upon me to inform them of their miſtake. In that Epigram it was ſaid of ſome of the moſt eminent of our Members,

Theſe ſhould be pump'd, duck'd, pillory'd, piſt, and ſh-t on;

which is ſo far from being any reflection on thoſe worthy Gentlemen, that it is a very great compliment paid them. Theſe are the greateſt marks of honour that can be given to any of our Members: and ſome have had the happineſs to enjoy them every one. This may ſeem ſtrange to ſome prejudiced perſons, who think all cuſtoms barbarous and abſurd, which are oppoſite to their own. Theſe, no doubt, are ignorant that muſick and dancing, which were thought fine accompliſhments amongſt the Grecians, and are in the ſame eſteem with us, were looked on as mean, and below the character of a Gentleman, by the Romans. They, perhaps, have not been informed, that *Beef-eater* is now a term of reproach in ſome countries; tho' it is a very honourable name in England. They have not read, that, by a law of Lycurgus, the young virgins were to box ſtark naked in the preſence of the young men, to wear off a kind of ſheepiſhneſs in ſome ſort natural to that ſex; which exerciſe would be eſteemed very immodeſt by thoſe who judge of the manners of other ages and nations by their own. But I ſhall endeavour to ſhew, that theſe very marks of honour in our Society which are generally looked upon as ſigns of the utmoſt contempt, have been all, or moſt of them received, in ſome time or place, as emblems of honour. A very eminent perſon ſays of himſelf, in the Dunciad, by way of commendation,

— what ſtreet, what lane but knows
Our purgings, PUMPINGS, *blanketings and blows?*

In the ſame Poem, our Preſident, and ſeveral of our greateſt Members, are repreſented diving into Fleet-ditch, and he bears the greateſt honour, who dives the deepeſt, and brings up moſt mud. The Pillory has had a Hymn compoſed in its honour, by a very eminent Writer; and amongſt Printers it is ſo univerſally eſteemed, that he, who has had the honour to mount that roſtrum, is always looked upon amongſt them, as a Graduate in their profeſſion. Nay, the new method in the Royal Society of poſting their Candidates, is ſomething analogous to a Pillory, and is by many called by that name. To *piſs upon a man* is, in this country, commonly thought a term of reproach: but amongſt the unprejudiced Hottentots, it is a mark of the higheſt honour. That honeſt people, unbiaſs'd by the manners of other nations, follow the dictates of pure, untainted nature. *Kolben*, in his account of *the preſent ſtate of the Cape of Good Hope*, as I find it tranſlated by the ingenious Mr. MEDLEY, is very copious on this ſubject. When a youth is to be received into the Society of the men, this Author tells us, that he is firſt *roundly bedaub'd with fat and ſoot*; after which, the eldeſt man amongſt them *piſſes with great vigour all over him. He ſtops his waters for ſome time before, in order to provide him with a plentiful ſtream. The youth, who can hardly be ſeen under the ſmoaking inundation, receives the ſtreams with an eager care; and making furrows, with his long nails, in the fat upon his body, rubs and mixes the piſs with the fat with the quickeſt action. When the old fellow has dribbled upon him to the laſt drop, he felicitates him upon the honour that is done him, and crowns him with many benedictions, which he utters aloud. Then is the young fellow ſolemnly proclaimed a man.* The ſame kind of honour is made a part of their nuptial ceremony, which is performed after the following manner. 'The men ſquat themſelves 'on the ground in a Ring; all but the Bridegroom, who 'ſquats in the Center. The women, at ſome diſtance, 'ſquat themſelves likewiſe in a Ring, about the Bride, who 'likewiſe ſquats. Then the Prieſt, or Maſter of the religious Ceremonies, who is always that of the *Kraal* 'where lives the Bride, enters the ring of the men; and 'coming up to the Bridegroom, *piſſes* upon him a little. 'The Bridegroom receives the ſtream with a great deal 'of eagerneſs, rubbing it briſkly all over his body, and 'with his long nails (which, as I have obſerved already, 'the Hottentots never cut) making ſeveral deep ſcratches 'in his ſkin, that the *Piſs* may penetrate and ſoak the 'farther. The Prieſt then goes to the ring of women, 'and coming up to the Bride, *piſſes* a little upon her; 'and ſhe receives and rubs the *piſs* upon her body, with 'as much eagerneſs as the Bridegroom. Then goes the 'Prieſt again to the Bridegroom; and having *piſſed* a 'little more upon him, away he goes again to the Bride, 'and again *piſſes* upon her. And ſo he goes from one 'to the other, till he has exhauſted upon them all his 'ſtock of urine, uttering, from time to time, to each of 'them one of the following good wiſhes, till he has pronounced the whole upon them both. *May you live 'long and happy together*, or, as we ſay, *I wiſh you much 'joy. May you have a ſon before the end of the year. 'May this ſon live to be a comfort to you in your old 'age. May this ſon prove a man of courage, and a good 'Huntſman.*

But beſide theſe ceremonies, our Author tells us, that the Hottentots have an order of Knighthood, into which ſuch are received as have *ſingly encounter'd and ſlain a Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Rhinoceros, or Elk.* Into this honourable order he is received in the following manner.

'The Hero, upon his return to the *Kraal*, of which 'he is an Inhabitant, goes directly to his own Hut; 'where he ſquats himſelf down. He has not ſat long at 'home before he is viſited by an old Hottentot, depu'ted by the men of the *Kraal* to make him their com'pliments of thanks and congratulations upon ſo benefi'cial and ſo illuſtrious an Atchievement; and to ac'quaint him, that the men of the *Kraal* expect him im'mediately to receive from 'em the honours that are 'due to his Heroic Worth. The compliments and the 'notice being delivered, the Hero riſes, and follows the 'old Hottentot out of the Hut to the middle of the '*Kraal*, where all the men wait for him. He there ſquats 'himſelf down on a Mat, ſpread on purpoſe for him: 'and all the men ſquat round him. Joy ſits fluſh in the 'faces of the Hero and his friends; Envy contracts the 'features of others: when up to the Hero marches the 'old Deputy, and *piſſes* upon him from head to foot; 'pronouncing over him certain terms, which I could 'never get the meaning of. If the Deputy is in the 'Hero's intereſt (and it generally happens that he is) he 'lays him under a deluge of *Urine*; the more *piſs* the 'more honour. The Hero having before-hand made 'furrows, with his long nails, in the fat upon his body, 'rubs the *piſs*, as it falls, upon his face, and every other 'part, with the greateſt eagerneſs. This done, the De'puty lights a pipe of Tobacco or *Dacha*, and having 'taken two or three whiffs, gives it to any one he pleaſes 'in the Circle; who having taken the ſame ſolace, gives 'it to another; and ſo goes round till only aſhes remain 'in the pipe; when the Deputy takes it again, and 'ſhakes the aſhes out upon the Hero; who ſtill remains 'ſquat in the middle of the Circle, and rubs the aſhes into 'the fat upon his body, with as eager action as he did 'the *piſs*; and would not, if he could help it, loſe the 'leaſt particle of it. Then is the Hero inſtalled *Knight*, 'as I call him, *of the Order of the Piſs.* The Circle riſes: 'He follows the example. Every one congratulates him 'upon the high honour he has received; and thanks him 'for the ſignal ſervice he has done his Country. The He'ro looks upon himſelf as rais'd to the *Acme* of humane 'glory; and by the bladder of the Beaſt he has killed, 'which he wears faſtned to his hair, or by the majeſtic 'port he aſſumes ever after, demands the homage and re'ſpects which Hottentot cuſtom aſſigns to his high Dignity, 'and which all his countrymen conſtantly pay him.

This ceremony of *piſſing* is again performed at their funerals. The men and women at ſuch times, it ſeems, ſit in two ſeparate circles before the hut of the deceaſed. 'Then, ſays our Author, ſtep two old fellows, friends or 'relations of the deceaſed, one into the circle of the men, 'the other into the circle of the women, and *piſs* each 'upon all the company he has about him; piſſing a little 'upon one, then a little upon another, quite round the 'circle, till his whole ſtock of urine is exhauſted. And 'and all the company receives it with the greateſt ea'gerneſs and veneration. I took abundance of pains, con'tinues our Author, and ſpent not a little money to come 'at the meaning of this, and, at length, obtained the fol'lowing explanations from ſeveral Hottentots. *'Tis done,* 'ſaid they, *by way of compliment. The old Men thereby 'return thanks to the Circles, for the honour they have done 'the deceaſed, in accompanying his Corpſe to the grave.* 'How! ſaid I; the thanks on this occaſion run in a 'ſtream of *urine!* Pray, why ſo? why is not the com'pliment delivered by word of mouth? *We know not 'that*, they replied. *All we can ſay is, that ſuch is the 'cuſtom; and 'tis always taken for a compliment of thanks.* 'Strange! the different notions different nations enter'tain of the ſame thing! the force, the witchcraft of 'cuſtom! To be *piſs'd upon* in Europe is a token of the 'higheſt Contempt; To be *piſs'd* on in the Hottentot 'Countries is a token of the higheſt honour. *Piſſing* is 'the glory of all the Hottentot Ceremonies.

Thus far this ingenious Author; who has by this time, I hope, perſuaded the reader, that there is no diſgrace in being piſt upon: ſince it is held in ſo much honour by whole nations; and I hope, for the future, that ſuch learned and ingenious Authors, as ſhall have thoſe honours conferred on them by our Society, will be univerſally treated with the more honour on that very account.

But moreover we are not without ſome inſtances of theſe honours even in our own Country. I well remember that about twenty years ago, a certain Reverend Divine was in ſuch eſteem, that not only fans and other implements of the fair ſex, but even vulgar utenſils, nay, *Chamber-pots* were adorned with his picture. This ſurely would never have been done, if it had not been looked upon as a token of reſpect to *piſs upon him.* And thoſe ingenious Aſtronomers Meſſrs. Whiſton and Ditton, had an Ode compoſed to their honour, the burden of which was,

Let Whiſton and Ditton
Be p——ſt on, be ſh——t on.

BAVIUS.

Fleet Priſon, Feb. 15. 1730-1.

Si natura negat, facit indignatio verſum.

WHEN knaves of juſtice ceaſe t' oppreſs mankind;
Or truth and honour we in jailors find:
When G——R's honeſty outweighs his pride;
Or 'mongſt the poor ſhall ill-got wealth divide:
When B——D's white, invidious, ſickly face
Shall know a bluſh, or ſhow one ſign of grace:
When Tipſtaffs ſhall forget to take their fees;
Or their poor priſ'ners find a moment's eaſe:
When C——T's heart and tongue ſhall once agree;
And think, or ſpeak what's ſound Divinity:
When P——CE in cunning ſhall behind him come,
And in the praiſe of his dear ſelf be dumb:
When all the reſt of this ſcrub mungrel tribe,
Bailiffs and turnkeys ſhall refuſe a bribe:
When DIAN P———T ſhall be prov'd the Wife
Of Admiral H——— R, or reform her life;
When * W——MS ſhall the ſecret place reveal,
Which, like the Royal Oak, did him conceal:
Then will I falſe to my dear CLOE *prove,*
And think no more of poetry and love.

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* The reputed Author of theſe lines who hid himſelf in the Fleet-priſon, to prevent being carried up by *Habeas Corpus* to be charged in Execution, and ſuppoſed to be concealed under Mrs P--rem--r's Hoop-petticoat.

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*	SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
P *Poſt-Boy.*	WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*	L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*	C. *Crafts-man.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*	F. *Fog's Journal.*

Important Articles omitted in our laſt.

A few days ſince dy'd Mr. Porter, a Gent. of the Temple, who formerly liv'd with Mr. Longueville, a great Conveyancer, as his Clerk. *D P. Feb.* 4. ——— Wedneſday

evening dy'd Mr. Heathcote, an eminent wholesale Mercer in Milk-street. *C.* 5. —— Saturday last dy'd Mrs. Corbett, Wife to Counsellor Corbett. *C.* 8. —— Friday night Mr. Stillings, a Watchmaker in Long lane, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, &c. *S J* 9. —— Yesterday morning 2 Centinels belonging to the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, were whipp'd by the Drums on the Parade, &c. —Monday morning Mrs Pritchard, a poor Wash-woman at Deptford, being disorder'd in her senses, hang'd herself in a cellar. *C.* 10. —— Last friday James Watkins, a servant to Ant. Henley, Esq; cut his throat from ear to ear, &c. *D J.*

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 11.

Yesterday orders were sent to Richmond for preparing the Royal Apartments for the reception of their Majesties, who intend to reside there for some days, as soon as the weather permits. —— Her Highness the Princess Mary is perfectly recovered. *C.*

A few days since dy'd at Hereford the Rev. Dr. Biss, formerly a Preacher at the Rolls, and Author of a Treatise intitled, *The Beauty of holiness. Ibid.*

Yesterday came on a Trial at the King's-Bench Westminster, on an action against the Oakingham Carrier, for damage done to several pieces of silk. It appear'd, that through the negligence of the Defendant's servant, the waggon was overturn'd into a pond near Hammersmith turnpike; whereupon the Jury gave a verdict for the Plaintiff. *S J.*

The scrutiny is ended at Bedford, and Sir Jer. Sambroke, Bar. is return'd a Member, &c. *Ibid.* Sir Jer. Vanacker Sambroke: a much greater majority for him than there was upon the poll. *L E.*

The L. Vere Beauclerck, Bro. to the D. of S. Albans, &c. is appointed Governor of a large tract of land in New-England. —— The L. James Cavendish, and the horse he rode last sunday to Windsor Lodge, are going to be painted. *L E.*

We hear from Sevenoaks in Kent, that yesterday dy'd Dr. Tho. Fuller, an eminent Physician, &c. He was a Gent. very eminent in his profession, kind and benevolent to the poor, in which he lately shewed a particular instance, by a most commendable zeal in prosecuting the managers of a great charity given to the inhabitants of that place, and obliged them to pass an account in Chancery, and to be subject to an annual election. This charity was left by Sir Will. Sennoke, a Foundling of that place, who after wards became L. Mayor of London. *Ibid.* ——*This, if true, was a noble and generous action, which justly places the* Restorer *next to the* Founder. *Little, single pilfering rascals are easily brought to justice: but those who abuse public charities, and who rob in* companies, *are very difficultly suppressed.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 12.

Yesterday morning a great number of idle and disorderly persons, and reputed thieves and pick-pockets, apprehended late the night before, were examined by Sir John Gonson, &c. when 2 of the most notorious were committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell, to beat hemp for 30 days. *D J.*

The same day was held a Gen. Court of the Governors of S. Bartholomew's Hospital, when Mr. Jones, Son-in-law to Dr. Bamber, Lythotomist, [Lithotomist,] who had been nominated by the Accompting-house for his Assistant, was proposed to be confirmed, but being rejected, Dr. Bamber resigned his place. The Court appointed Mr. Freke, and the 3 Assistant Surgeons, to perform the operation of cutting for the stone, &c. *Ibid.* The Governors thought fit, for the good of mankind in general, and to make the operation of cutting, &c. more extensive, to appoint it to be perform'd by all the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons, who are willing to perform the same. *D P.* For the Surgeons of the Hospital 70. For Mr. Blagdon 50. *L E.* 13.

The Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Chaplain to the R. H. the L. Mayor, is presented to the living of Hungerford. —— This week near 1000 Attroneys have been sworn, &c. *Ibid.*

On wednesday a fine stone horse, value 25 guineas, was raffled for at the Fountain Tavern in Redcross-street, when the same was won by Mr. Dean, Master of the said house, and Mr. Woodmand, an Innkeeper at the George in Grub-street, they having flung 42 each; since which, we hear, they have compromised the affair without any further assistance of the dice. *C.* —— *I hope, as this Gentleman came easily by a share in this* fine stone horse, *he will be willing to accommodate his* neighbours at the Pegasus, *now and then, upon easy terms.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 13.

Thursday the Rev. Dr. Sydall Dean of Canterbury, was at Court, and had the honour of kissing his Majesty's hand, on his being made Bishop of S David's. *P.* —— A few nights since a noble Duke won upwards of 10,000 l. at the Groom-Porters. *D P.*

Several Officers who have had absence of leave from their respective Regiments at Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, are ordered to repair thither with all expedition. *P.*

Yesterday being the last day of the term, several persons appeared on their recognizances at the King's-Bench bar, whereof some were discharged, and others continued over to the first day of next term. *D P,* &c. —— Charlesworth and Cox, 2 Attornies convicted for forgery, received sentence, viz. Charlesworth to stand on the pillory at the Royal-Exchange, to pay a fine of 50 l. to suffer one year's imprisonment, and to give security for his good behaviour for 3 years; and Cox to stand on the pillory at the same time and place, to suffer one year's imprisonment, to pay a fine of 5 marks, and to give security for his good behaviour for 2 years. *D J.* Charlesworth fined 50 marks, to give security for his good behaviour for 5 years. *D P.* —— *I fear these 2 ingenious* Attornies *will loose the opportunity of qualifying themselves for pursuing* their business *for the future* according to law.

The same day Mary Harvey, alias Macaig, received sentence for keeping a disorderly house, to stand once in the pillory at Charing-cross, to pay a fine of 1 mark, and to suffer 3 months imprisonment, and to give security for her good behaviour for 5 years. *D J.* After judgment she was charged with an indictment of perjury to which she pleaded not guilty. As they were carrying her to the King's-Bench prison, we hear she found means to escape. *D P.* But was retaken again in King street. *D J.* —— *Being an Irish Lady, tho' she* escaped *but once, she* was taken again *twice.*

Nineteen fine matches are already made to be run at Newmarket the ensuing season. *W E.* Several great matches *C.* 11. *My Brother W E. seems to count all* great matches *to be* fine *ones; which often prove otherwise, in respect both of* Hovyhnhwns *and* Yahoos.

Last week died Mrs. Eliz. Thomas, a very ingenious and learned Gentlewoman. Mr. Pryden and Mr. Norris corresponded with her for some years, and their letters to her are printed. She is the Author of a Collection of Poems in 8vo. and about 3 months ago wrote an entertaining Poem, intitled, *The metamorphosis of the Town*, which has already had two impressions. She was writing her own life; and has left several Compositions behind her, which, we hear, will be shortly published. *D J.* —— *I hear this* Life *will be finished by the hand of the* Great KIRLEUS; *to which will be added, as usual, a true* Copy of her last Will and Testament, &c.

Yesterday the Attorney Gen. came into the King's-Bench Court, Westm. and filed an information against the Printer of the Craftsman, for his Paper relating to the Hague Letter; and informations against 2 persons for publishing the same. *L E.*

They write from Newcastle, that one Patkinson, an Attorney, locked himself in his chamber, and falling into the fire, burnt his head and one of his hands to a coal: he was discovered by the intolerable stink: the crown of his head, with that of his hat, dropt from the rest, he burnt so long undiscovered. *Ibid.* ——*A Hat-maker of my acquaintance can give me no account, of what stuff* the crown of *this* hat *was made.*

Monday fennight will be represented at the Theatre in Drury-lane, a new Tragedy called Eurydice. *W E.* —— We hear the Town will be entertained this season at the New Theatre in the Haymarket, with a new Tragedy, to be performed next week, called, *The Indian Empress*, or *The Conquest of Peru*; a new Comedy called, *Lupone*; the *Tragical History of Tom Thumb*, in 3 Acts (as it was originally written in the times of Q. Elizabeth) altered and adapted to the stage by Mr. SCRIBLERUS SECUNDUS, with a new Farce, called, *A new Way to keep a Wife at home*, written by the same Author. *L E.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 15.

Yesterday divine service was perform'd before their Majesties, his R. H. the Prince, and the 3 eldest Princesses, by the Rev. Dr. Pearce; and before his Highness the D. &c. by the Rev. Dr Hargrove, &c. and the same day their Majesties dined in publick. *C.* Dr. Hargrave preached before their Majesties, &c. *P. D J.* Dr. Franks before the Duke, &c. *P.*

His Majesty has been pleased to present and nominate Dr. Edw. Vernon to the Rectory of S. George, Bloomsbury. *P. D P.* —— We hear that on wednesday night, at the Groom Porter's, the D. of Bedford won 10,000 l. and Sir Hump. Mo ineux, Bar. 600 guineas. *C.*

His Grace the L. Archbishop of Canterbury lies very dangerously indisposed, &c. *D J.* We hear he died yesterday. *D P.* We hear he is much better. *C.*

Five Ships of Adm. Cavendish's Squadron are ordered to be got ready for foreign service. *D P.*

Yesterday morning the Rev. Mr. Bingham, Curate of Tottenham, passing over an adjacent field to perform divine service, was knock'd down by a Foot-pad, and robb'd of what money and rings he had about him. *D J.*

Last friday 4 Irishmen were committed to the Gatehouse, Westm. being charged on oath with assisting Mary Harvey in making her escape. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 16.

The L. Archbishop of Canterbury continues much indisposed, and being in the 83d year of his age, there is little hopes of his recovery. *C.* Yesterday his Physicians thought him to be out of danger. *D J.* Is very well recovered. *D P.* Is pretty well recover'd, and sees company every day. *P.*

Yesterday a Printing-press, and Cases for composing, were put up at S. James's House, for their Majesties to see the manner of the noble art of Printing. *D P.* Brought from Mr. Palmer's, a Printer in Bartholomew-Close. *P.* All the Royal Family expressed their entire satisfaction as to the beauty in composition, and the swiftness of the Press; and afterwards Mr. Palmer presented his Highness with his *History of Printing*, and had the honour to kiss his hand. *C.*

Last night their Excellencies the Algerine Embassadors, with a great many persons of quality and distinction, went to Fawkes's Theatre, where they saw his performance with a great deal of pleasure and surprize; and, according to their desire, Mr. Fawkes shewed the prospect of Algier, &c. which they said was exactly like the place, &c. *D P.*

Another match is made between the L. Ja. Cavendish, and Sir Rob. Fagg, for a very large sum of money, that the former is to produce a horse and rider, to start at Hyde-park Turnpike, and to run to the Turnpike near the Powder-mills by Hounslow heath, in half an hour and 16 seconds, any time before the 20th of May, the rider to carry 10 stone. *P.*

On wednesday died that celebrated Comedian Mr. Hen. Norris, who has entertained the Town near 40 years, with general applause, and always followed nature in a masterly way. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 17.

Last night the Printing Press of Mess. Palmer, &c. was carried back, and the Proprietors received a handsome gratuity. *P.* ——An Ivory Turner has waited several times on the Duke, to instruct his R. Highness in that Art, as being a most healthful exercise. *D P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-Street.*

THIS afternoon was read before our Society the late published Poem called, *Harlequin Horace*; in which the Author proposes to set the dark and impracticable rules of that ancient *Anti-Grubean, Horace*, in a clear and proper light, to bring them down to the practice of the present age, and invert them for the use of our illustrious Body. When the reading was finished, Mr. POPPY (who during the major part of the time had enjoyed a comfortable nap) raised himself very deliberately up from his chair, and after a significant yawn which was continued thro' the Company, moved that the Author might be admitted a member. To which Mr. MÆVIUS objected, *No*, alledging that tho' the performance might be of great use to the Society, yet that the Author (like most other Criticks) had not in the least observed himself the Rules he prescribed to others; that his manner of writing was palpably Parnassian; and that therefore he was by no means worthy of having such an honour conferred on him. To this Mr. POPPY replyed, that the only judgment he could make of the writing, was from the good effect it had upon himself; that the first dozen Couplets had laid him into a sound and refreshing Sleep, which he looked on to be the peculiar mark of a Grubean Production. Upon which Mr. MÆVIUS made answer, that this argument was very far from being in favour of the Writer; very justly observing, that as the performances of our Members throw *others* asleep, so the works of a Parnassian had the same effect on *them*. He moreover said, that it was his opinion, if the thing was strictly examined, it would be found they were not so much obliged to this Writer as they imagined; that he very much feared there was a snake in the grass, and could not help apprehending, that he was little better than a Spie in disguise, and was sent by our adversaries the Mountaneers with a design of undermining us, and disturbing us if possible in the enjoyment of our low land Possessions; and therefore mov'd that some worthy Member, should be instantly employ'd, to strip him of his mask. Upon which Mr. Bavius was accordingly appointed, and was order'd to make his report in the next weeks Lucubration.

The Hymn to Harmony, sent by PHILARCHÆUS, was printed in 1729, in folio.

The Letter from PHILOGNOSTES is received; and he is desired to send his *Vision on Parnassus.*

Edinburgh, Feb. 7. The beginning of last week a fire broke out in the South-gate of Perth, which burnt two tenements, besides 3 pulled down to prevent the spreading of the flames; whereby 12 or 14 families were reduced to misery. *C.* 16. A third pull'd down. *P.*

Dublin, Feb. 6. Tuesday last a poor woman that sold boil'd peas, was so barbarously beaten, and otherwise abused by some idle people, that she died soon after. *P.* 16. One Marg. Brady was kill'd by one Mrs. Smedders, and one Corn. O Brien, by kicking her [being kicked] in th

belly till her bowels came out: they have both made their eſcape. *C. Feb.* 9. Their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have ordered Letters Patent to paſs the Great Seal, containing a Grant to John Browning and Tho' Beake, Eſqs; of all right, title, &c. which his Majeſty hath or may have in the mines or minerals diſcover'd or to be diſcovered in ſuch lands, whereof they have obtained or may obtain leaſes, to ſearch and dig in this Kingdom for mines or minerals, for the term of 31 years: reſerving to his Majeſty one full tenth part of all the oar that ſhall be dug, free and clear from all charges in ſearching or digging for the ſame, &c. *Ibid.*

Boſton, Dec. Sunday night about 10, we had hear a ſmall ſhock of an earthquake. We hear from Newbury and ſeveral adjacent Towns, that at the ſame time they felt a conſiderable ſhock. *P.* 11.

We hear by the Embleton, Capt. Payne, from South Carolina, that they had received no interruptions from the Negroes for ſome time: they likewiſe expect a good crop, having had a great deal of fine weather, and the whole country continues in a good ſtate of health. Governor Johnſon was not arrived with the Indian Chiefs *C.* 12.

Boſton, Jan. 4. His Excellency J. Belcher made a ſpeech to the General Aſſembly, in which he declared, that he ſhould be obliged to diſſolve them, if his Majeſty's 27th Inſtruction was not comply'd with: and accordingly Jan. 2, he finding them inflexible diſſolv'd the ſaid Court. *D J.* 16. —— *Are theſe peop'e animated with* the Spirit of Liberty, *or* the Spirit of Faction?

The South ſea Company have received advice from Panama, by way of Jamaica, that the Fair of Por e Bello could not be held before their Ship P. William arrived there, unleſs ſome accident ſhould prevent her. There had happened a terrible earthquake in Chili, which had done great Damage. *Ibid.*

Santa Crux in the Canaries, Nov. 27. About a month is paſt ſince a fiery irruption broke out in 5 places in the Iſland Gracioſa, one of the eaſtermoſt of the Canary Iſlands, and moſt part of the ſaid Iſland is now on fire. We have alſo had an earthquake in this Iſland, about 10 miles from this Place: it cauſed a very great opening in the earth which ſtill continues. The city of Lagona at the ſame time was in a great trembling for ſome minutes. *Ibid.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 11.

Yeſterday arrived the Mails from France *and* Flanders.

Paris, Feb. 17. N. S. The 15th inſt. being the Anniverſary of the King's birth day, when he entered into the 22d year of his age, his Majeſty received the compliments of the Princes and Princeſſes of the blood, &c. *C.* &c.— On the 8th about 2, the King went out to divert himſelf with the Sledges upon the ſnow. The firſt, upon which was carved the figure of a great ſtag, was drawn by 4 horſes, and driven by the Count de Fiemarcon the 2d, in the faſhion of a Gondola, drawn likewiſe by 4 horſes, was driven by the Count de Rouſſy, having 8 Court Ladies in it. The King was in another alone; and 15 followed that of the ſtag, with the King's Huntſmen on horſeback ſounding their horns. All the horſes were richly capariſoned, and covered with velvet houſings embroidered with gold and ſilver, and adorned with little ſilver bells, and tufts of feathers. This chace was performed upon the heights of Marli, and paſſed twice by the Queen's windows. *C.* —— On monday was publiſhed an *Arret*, whereby the Paper, entitled, *Nouvelles Eccleſieſtiques*, was condemned to be burnt by the hands of the common Hangman, &c. *Ibid. D P. Eccleſiaſtical Advices. P. Eccleſiaſtical News. D J.* —— *If* Eccleſiaſtical News *were treated in this ignominious manner, it was odd to treat* Eccleſiaſtical Advices *ſo.*

Florence, Jan. 16. On the 5th, after a dreadful ſtorm, they felt a violent ſhock of an earthquake at Sienna, which however, did no conſiderable damage. *C.* —[*If ſo, I think the* ſhock *could not be* violent] — Some days ago a perſon was ſeized for harbouring 4 Highwaymen, who have robbed upon the Highways of Tuſcany and the Milaneze for 2 years paſt, dreſſed like huntſmen, having always 7 or 8 dogs and horſes with them. *Ibid.*

Parma, Jan. 26. Billets in Latin have been poſted up here, and in other parts of the Dutchy, by the Imperial Troops, who have taken poſſeſſion thereof, in the following words, *Sub auſpiciis noſtris nomine Principis Caroli Heredis* [*Hæredis,*] *dummodo non armatus, ſed pacificus veniat, ſalvo jure ventris pregnantis* [*prægnantis*], *ſi ſit maſculus. D J.*

Vienna, Feb. 3. The diſtreſs of the poor, on accouat of the exceſſive froſt here, is beyond expreſſion: our Naturaliſts have obſerved by their Thermometers, that it exceeds that of 1709. *D P.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 12.

Milan, Jan. 27. Letters from Turin adviſe, that the King of Sardinia perſiſts in his reſolution to continue neuter; but yet is augmenting his forces. *C.*

Vienna, Feb. 3. 'Tis written from Florence, that the Great Duke is in a very weak condition; and that when he heard of the D. of Parma's death, he ſaid, He ſhould not live long after him; and that they ſhould admit the Imperial troops as ſoon as the breath was out of his body. *Ibid.* In *D P.* 13.

Orders have been ſent to Card. Cienfugos, the Emperor's Ambaſſador at Rome, to declare to the Pope, That his Imperial Maj ſty is very deſirous, that his Holineſs will ceaſe to intereſt himſelf in general affairs, ſince the pains he had taken hitherto had been unſucceſsful, and had ſerved only to retard the concluſion of an accommodation. P —— *I hope the* piety *of* his Holineſs *has not hindered the ſucceſs of his* policy.

Rome, Jan. 17. The titular Lord Inverneſs is arrived from Piſa, where he left his Lady, whoſe inſolence to the Princeſs Sobieski was the chief cauſe why her Husband and herſelf were both diſmiſſed: but the ſaid Lord being reingratiated with the Princeſs, is, at her inſtance, recalled to Rome, and, as we ſuppoſe, reinſtated in his former Poſt of Prime Miniſter. *P.*

Copenhagen, Feb. 3. The Ship ſo long expected from Ireland is arrived, having on board 102 Falcons, among which are 5 entirely white. *C.*

Hambourg, Feb. 9. Letters from Stockholm adviſe, that the Deputies of the Kingdom met there on the 31ſt paſt, and open'd the General Diet, having elected the Count de Horn Marſhal by 527 votes out of 606. —— From Petersbourg, that the Czarina has ſent orders to the Count de Munick, to form a Camp of 20,000 men near Riga in May: we are at a loſs to know the deſign of this, unleſs it be to keep them ready to enter into the Emperor's ſervice. *D P.*

Moſcow, Jan. 9. We learn by the laſt letters from Derbent, that the K. of Perſia had ſent 2000 Turks priſoners to Iſpahan, with ſeveral pieces of artillery, taken in the battle near Tauris, and that he would not hearken to an accommodation, on any other conditions, than that the Turks ſhould reſtore the conqueſts made during the late Revolution in Perſia, and pay 30 000,000 of Roupies for the damages ſuſtained during the war. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 13.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from due Holland.

Extract of a letter from Paris, Feb. 12. N. S. 'Tis confirmed, that the Marq. de Caſtellar did make the Declaration formerly mentioned; but we are aſſured, that he has ſince added, that his Catholick Majeſty was nevertheleſs reſolved to perform the engagements entered into by the Treaty of Seville, in caſe his Allies will likewiſe perform theirs without delay. *C.* &c.

Bruſſels, Feb. 19 The report of a private accommodation between the Emperor and the K. of Spain, has raiſed the Oſtend Stock above Par, to wit, to 78. *P.*

Vienna, Feb. 7. M Lucas, the Cabinet Courier, arrived the 4th from Conſtantinople, and brought a confirmation, that the Ottoman Ambaſſador on the road is commiſſioned to renew the Treaty of Paſſarowitz. *C.* &c.

Madrid, Jan. 24. Our warlike preparations are carried on throughout the Kingdom. 'Tis written from Navarre, that 3000 recruits are arrived there from Biſcay, with a great number of Voluntiers, all men of faſhion. —— An eſſay has been made in the mint at Seville of the ore taken out of the new mint near Oropeſa, and it was computed that it would produce 5000 Piaſters per day clear profit. *C. D J.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 15.

Moſcow, Jan. 11. In November, P. Thamas having learned, that the Baſhaw of Grand Cairo had ordered a conſiderable ſuccour to join the Ottoman army near Babylon, detached 20,000 horſe, who put them to the rout, and made a booty of near a million of Ducats. *P. The* D J. *dates this Article* Jan. 22. and *puts it at the head of the news by yeſterday's Mail.*

Yeſterday arrived the Mails due from France *and* Flanders.

Paris, Feb. 21. N. S. Letters from Seville, Jan. 31ſt import that their Catholick Majeſties, &c. continued in perfect health. *C. P. D P.*

Liſbon, Jan. 4. On new year's day, the Royal Academy of Hiſtory preſented his Majeſty with a Gold Medal, having on one ſide a buſto with this inſcription, *John V. King of Portugal and Algarve*: and on the reverſe, his Majeſty ſtanding in his Royal robes, his Crown on his head, and a ſcepter in his left hand, pointing to Hiſtory with his right, with theſe words, *He is the reviver of Hiſtory and Antiquities.* Round the edges was written, *Royal Academy of Portugal, erected Dec.* 8. 1720. The Problems are propoſed againſt the next aſſembly. I. *Whether fathers deſerve more reſpect from their children, than preceptors do from their pupils?* II. *Whether a falſe friend is not more to be dreaded, than a profeſſed enemy; and whether it is not better to ſerve a knave, than an ungrateful man? C.*

Frankfort, Feb. 15. Two travellers of diſtinction juſt come from Italy report, that the people there look upon the pregnancy of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Parma as a miraculous thing, the late Duke being always very weak and crazy, and extraordinary corpulent beſides. *Ibid* [Such miraculous things *happen in all Countries.*] —— Here goes a report, that a treaty of marriage is on foot between a certain Princeſs Royal, and the Hereditary P. of Bareith *Ibid.*— The Imperial Officers continue raiſing recruits with diligence, and more are arrived on the ſame account; which is matter of ſurprize to moſt people. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 16.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

Paris, Feb. 16. N. S. We flatter our ſelves, that the anſwer expected from Seville to an expreſs ſent thither, will put an end to the uncertainties we are under, with regard to peace or war. Mean while our advices ſpeak of nothing but preparations for the expedition to Italy. The Mandate of the Archbiſhop of Paris makes a great noiſe, inaſmuch as it condemns ſeveral Propoſition drawn from the memorial ſigned by 40 Counſellors of Parliament, in favour of the Cures of Orleans, and excommunicates all in his Dioceſe who ſuſtains them. *D P.* Who ſuſtain them *is rendered by the C.* that maintain the ſaid Propoſitions.

Vienna, Feb 10. 'Tis pretended, that by a Codicil to the Will of the late Duke, the Emperor is declar'd Executor and Guardian of the Infant which her Highneſs ſhall be deliver'd of, in caſe it happens to be a Prince. *D P.*

Liſbon, Feb. 11. On the 9th the wind blowing very hard made ſuch a high ſea on the bar, as has ſcarce ever been ſeen before. It overflow'd the Cuſtom-houſe yard, &c. and 'tis believ'd no leſs than 3000 cheſts of ſugar are deſtroy'd. Much ſalt was on the banks of the river; 9 tenths of which is loſt. *D J.*

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